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- During the period from 2 to 15 May 1952, 60 low wooden buildings had been newly constructed at Camp Jamlitz of the Lieberose (O 52/A 59) troop training grounds. The new buildings were not arranged in one single complex. Unit Shukonof had not arrived by 15 May and its billets were still under construction at that time. Tanks and trucks of Units Platonof, Ant, Klimovski, Kasanof and Babayef were seen at a parking site, tanks and trucks of Units Dombrovski and Bacherok at a second parking site, and tanks and trucks of Unit Shubin were observed at a third parking site. Rocket launchers, field howitzers, AT guns and trucks on blocks were at another site. Trucks and tank trucks were also seen at the camp. 50X1-HUM
- The following personnel changes became known prior to 2 May: Captain Ligen (fnu) previously in charge of the main supply depot was replaced by a senior lieutenant; Captain Derapont (fnu) from the hospital was transferred: Colonel Laksimov (fnu), the superior officer of Lieutenant Colonel Shubin (fnu), and Major Rebuka (fnu) from the Unit Kasanov were transferred. 50X1-HUM
- No extensive combat practice was observed during the period from 3 to 15 May. On 11 May, a total of about 3,000 men without weapons or luggage were observed marching in company or battalion strength on the Jamlitz-Lieberose road toward Brand. On 12 May, a company advanced under combat conditions toward Lieberose on the Jamlitz-Lieberose road. The company was covered by a detachment of 1 sergeant and 6 men equipped with 4 submachine guns and 2 AT rifles advancing about 300 meters ahead of the company on both sides of the highway. On 13 May, 8 to 10 x 120-mm mortars were emplaced in firing positions south of the Jamlitz-Staskow road. Four or 5 men practicing loading were observed with each mortar. On 14 May, loading and aiming practice was observed with six 76-mm AA guns at a parking site of the camp. Six men were assigned to each gun. AA directors were not seen. The orders were transmitted by voice. The AA guns practiced aiming at a miniature aircraft fitted on a pole which was mounted on a truck 50X1-HUM
 the sequence of the training activity in the camp was as follows: instruct with weapons, close-order drill, political indoctrination, instruction with weapons and cleaning of weapons. Close combat training was occasionally observed. During the period from 3 through 15 May, firing from individual tanks was observed at the target range east of the Staskow-Leeskow road. 50X1-HUM

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4. Shipments arriving at the Lieberose railroad station included: 3 railroad tank cars [redacted] on 10 May; and 2 railroad cars loaded with drums containing special oil, and oakum [redacted]

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5. During the period from 30 April through 16 May, no incoming or outgoing troop shipments were observed at the Lieberose troop training grounds. Thirty T-34/85 tanks [redacted], 5 armored reconnaissance cars, 30 trucks, 60 x 57-mm AT guns, 60 trucks used for towing artillery pieces and 15 sidecar motorcycles were observed at a parking site in the woods on the Jamnitz-Guben highway, outside Camp Jamnitz. On 13 May, small-bore target practice was held. On 14 May, firing with live ammunition was practiced at the target range and firing from a tank turret was observed at the small-bore target range. Two detachments of about 30 men each, wearing field equipment, were observed practicing at the crawling section of the obstacle course. Other detachments were engaged in physical training. About 2 p.m., about 60 officers and 250 men, armed with rifles and submachine guns, left for a field exercise in forest sections Nos 72, 73 and 83. On 15 May, instruction was given in classrooms. The construction of new low wooden buildings continued. Outdoor instruction facilities were established and model combat areas, 80 x 100 meters, to be used for tactical training were prepared. Vehicle [redacted] identified at Camp Jamnitz [redacted]

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- * Comment. The report indicates that there were no essential changes in the status of the occupation of the Lieberose troop training grounds since early May 1952. [redacted] The troops quartered there appeared to be mainly engaged in improving their billets and small-scale training activities. It is believed that the low wooden buildings under construction are to be used for a dispersal of troops rather than enlargement of the camp. The parking site observed on the Jamnitz-Guben highway was allegedly used by a mechanized regiment of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from Fuerstenwalde. Most of the vehicle [redacted] seen there belong to this division. [redacted]

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[redacted] Except for Captain Jigen (fnu), Captain Dereport (fnu), Major Poerderov (fnu) and Colonel Maksimov (fnu), whose assignments were previously known, [redacted]

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the ammunition dump in Finow, Waldlager Waldeslust; [redacted]
Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div from Fuerstenwalde until 14 May 1952.

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